

# FIVE POLYGAMISTS FINED IN A UTAH DISTRICT COURT.

Mormon Church Claim That the Practice Has Died Out Is Refuted by the Confession of Five Members in Richfield.

The Court, in Passing Sentence, Declared the Law Was Put on the Books to Be Enforced. Two Bishops Punished.

From All Over the Country Comes New Strength to Fight Against Roberts—Women and Ministers Active.

Richfield, Utah, Oct. 23.—In view of the oft-repeated assertion of the Mormon Church leaders that polygamy is dead in Utah, the arrest and conviction today of five prominent Mormons has proved another surprise to the high priests of the Latter Day Saints. Many in and about Richfield City are equally culpable.

The polygamists just convicted are Bishop Johnson, Bishop Horne, L. P. Christensen, Ole Borg and Hans Christensen. They were arraigned in the District Court here before Judge McCarthy and all pleaded guilty. Judge McCarthy at once passed sentence.

The Court reviewed the history of the legislation by the people of Utah on polygamy. He called the attention of Bishop Johnson to the law as passed in 1892, when W. H. Segmiller, president of the Sevier County State, was president of one of the houses of the Legislature, and told the fact that the Mormons voted for that law. He also called attention to the statutes of 1888 regarding the cause and to the fact that although in 1898 several prominent men claimed that these sections were not adopted by the Legislature, the Legislature of 1899 ratified them by re-adopting the code.

Judge McCarthy declared that he believed the people of Utah wanted the law enforced or they would not leave it on the statutes. He was more severe with Bishop Johnson than the others, and said he had been informed by men whose word is unquestionable that Johnson had made certain utterances in public before his arrest or before any citizen of Richfield probably knew he would be arrested that showed that he did not hold the law with the reverence he ought to. Johnson was fined \$150 and promised positively to obey the law.

Bishop Horne made a little speech. When asked what he had to say, he said he wanted to live in peace and respect the law. He did not say positively that he would obey the law. He was fined \$75. Hans Christensen was fined \$50. L. P. Christensen said his legal wife is an invalid and does not want him about, so he lives with No. 3. He declared he did not know he was violating the law. He was fined \$25. Ole Borg told the Court he did not know he was violating any law, and was fined \$25.

The Court warned all that these fines are not to be regarded as a criterion. The fines were paid by private subscriptions among the Mormons.

## ST. LOUIS STRONGLY AGAINST ROBERTS.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23.—The women of this city who have joined the fight against Roberts, of Utah, have a strong supporter in Mayor Ziegenhain. The Mayor is as strongly opposed to polygamy that he has declared that the elders who came here recently to obtain converts must leave. Mayor Ziegenhain declares it would be a national disgrace to allow Roberts to take his seat.

## KENTUCKY WOMEN SIGNING PETITIONS.

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 23.—The Women's Emergency Club, of this city, has entered the fight against polygamy and the seating in Congress of the avowed polygamist Brigham H. Roberts.

The club has adopted resolutions and is preparing to circulate petitions extensively here.

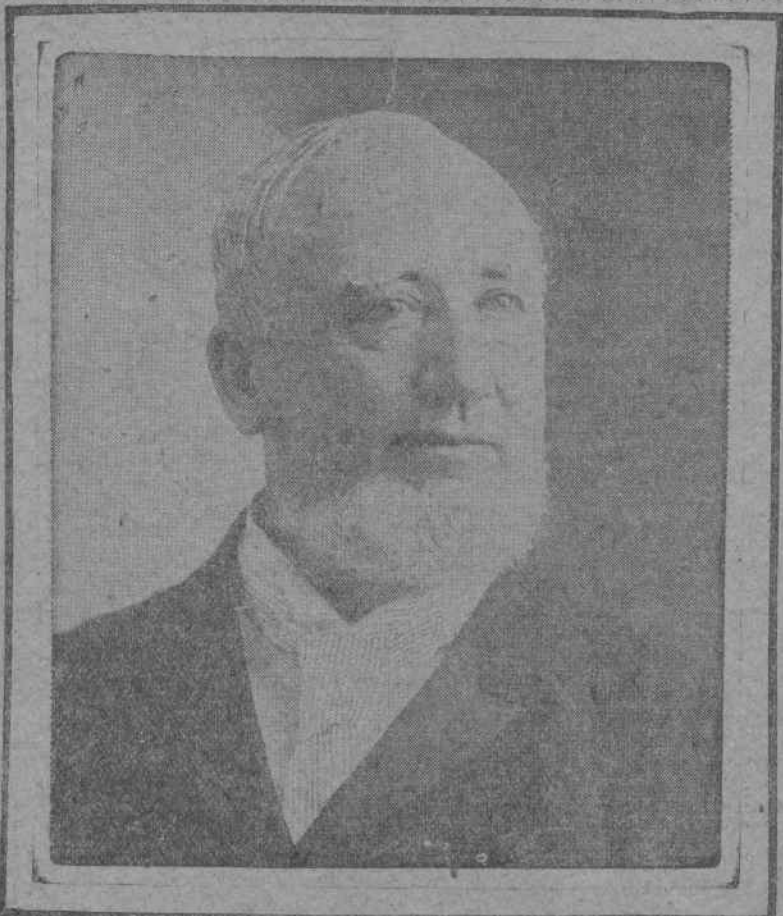
## WOMEN'S CLUBS IN ANTI-ROBERTS FIGHT.

The State Federation of Women's Clubs will meet in convention in Rochester from November 7 to 10. One of the most important subjects to be handled by the Federation will be the mapping out of a plan of campaign to aid in the great national movement against the seating in Congress of Brigham H. Roberts.

Several hundred prominent women will attend the convention as delegates from the various clubs throughout the State. All are decidedly anti-Roberts.

## OHIO MINISTERS ARE ALIVE TO DANGER.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 23.—At the session of the convention of the Christian Church



George Q. Cannon, the Real Head of the Mormon Church.

His word is law with the Latter Day Saints. He is now in this city and is said to be in daily conference with Brigham H. Roberts. It is intimated that Cannon favors Roberts' withdrawal from the fight to prevent his expulsion from Congress.

In this city those officers were elected: President, W. O. Homan; secretary, B. L. Smith; treasurer, E. P. Tingley; vice-president, R. S. Lathimer. Resolutions were adopted declaring that the seating of Roberts, of Utah, in Congress would be a disgrace to the nation and a direct blow at the sanctity of the home.

## OGDENSBURG WOMEN ACTIVE IN FIGHT.

Ogdenburg, N. Y., Oct. 23.—The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Church has adopted resolutions against the seating of the polygamist Roberts in Congress. In addition to circulating petitions the society is using all its influence with the local Congressmen, Mr. Lathimer.

## NEW JERSEY WOMEN SIGN THE PETITION.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of the St. Cloud Presbyterian Church, Orange, N. J., has adopted resolutions and are circulating petitions against the Polygamist Roberts. The society is also bringing influence to bear on Representative Charles B. Fowler, of New Jersey.

## PASTORS OF IDAHO APPEAL TO CONGRESS.

Boise, Idaho, Oct. 23.—The sixth annual convention of the Congregational churches and ministers of Idaho has adopted resolutions favoring a constitutional amendment to prevent a polygamist from holding office.

The resolution is directed at Brigham H. Roberts. It calls upon "every representative of the Fifty-sixth Congress" to use his utmost endeavor and to exhibit all honorable means to secure the prompt expulsion of Roberts.

## WOMEN AND PASTORS JOIN HANDS TO FIGHT.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—The Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Bradford has adopted resolutions against the seating of Roberts. All the members are circulating petitions to be added to the big petition to Congress. All the pastors in Bradford will on the last Sunday in October preach a sermon on "The Christian Home," directed at Roberts.

## MINNESOTA BAPTISTS LEND AID TO FIGHT.

Mankato, Minn., Oct. 23.—The Baptist State Convention of this State has just adopted this resolution:

"Resolved, That we regard the election of B. H. Roberts in Congress by the State of Utah as an indignity offered to every American citizen and an insult to the sanctity and purity of the Christian home; that we are in hearty sympathy with every effort to expel him from the House of Representatives, and call upon every member of Congress to use his utmost endeavors to accomplish this end."

## MARYLAND SOCIETIES OPPOSED TO ROBERTS.

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 23.—Strong resolutions protesting against the recognition of Representative Roberts, of Utah, and in favor of a constitutional amendment prohibiting a polygamist from holding office

# BIGAMY CHARGED BY ALLEGED WIFE.

Frank Rodgers, a Woman Declares, Deserted Her for a Rich Bride.

HE IS NOW IN PRISON.

Isabella Concha Lambert, She Asserts, Became His Wife in 1897, She in 1889.

A slight, nervous little woman, whose face bore at once traces of beauty, fast fading, and of suffering still lingering at her heart-strings, appeared yesterday in the West Side Police Court as complainant against Frank Rodgers, whom she charged with bigamy.

The woman says that Rodgers married her in Dublin on May 2, 1889. Despite this fact, she asserts that he married Isabella Concha Lambert in St. Christopher's P. R. Church in this city on November 2, 1897.

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## WIFE BEATERS SHOWN NO MERCY IN COURT.

New Jersey Judge Sends One to Prison for Ten Years and Another for Seven.

Judge J. Franklin Fort, who, when he was appointed to the bench in the Essex County Court at New Jersey, announced that he would try to make wife-beating a thing of the past within the jurisdiction of

that court, and who has endeavored to keep his word, yesterday made a double offender of that class feel the strong arm of justice.

One is James Henry, who formerly kept a saloon on Market street, Newark, and the other is Minor Oliver, a young colored man. Henry was sentenced in ten years at hard labor in State Prison, while Oliver was sent to the same institution for seven years.

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To United States House of Representatives: The undersigned earnestly petition you to reject or expel Brigham H. Roberts, Congressman-elect from Utah, and to submit a constitutional amendment disqualifying Polygamists from holding office.

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